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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 16, 2009. Due to a National Holiday, the one-month due date for response is February 17, 2009. Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims for continued examination.

In response to the restriction requirement, the claims are amended as given herein.

Based on the amended claims, Applicants provisional elect Group 1, Claims 1, 3-9, with traverse.